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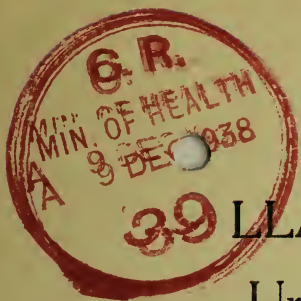
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# Llanwrtyd Wells Urban Sanitary Authority.

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## Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1937.

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Llanwrtyd Wells,

August 19th, 1938.

### To the Llanwrtyd Wells Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg herewith to submit my Annual Report for the year 1937.

#### 1—Natural and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area (Acres) ...	...	1673
Population (estimated 1937) ...	...	670
Number of inhabited houses—1937 ...	...	192
Number of families or separate occupiers	...	195
Rateable Value ..	...	£3,874
Sum represented by a penny rate ...	...	£16

#### 2—Vital Statistics.

Births—	Total.	Male.	Female.
1. Legitimate	1	1	Nil
2. Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil

##### Still Births—

1. Legitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil
2. Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil

##### Deaths—

Deaths from Puerperal Causes—Nil.

Deaths from Measles, Whooping Cough and Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)—Nil.

#### Birth Rate—

In 1937 there was 1 birth (male) (8 in 1936) recorded in the Urban Area, being at the rate of 1'49 per 1,000 of population, compared with a birth-rate of 14'9 per 1,000 for England and Wales.

#### Still Births—Nil.

#### Death Rate—

In 1937 there were 6 deaths (11 in 1936) being at the rate of 8'98 per 1,000 of population, compared with a death-rate of 12'4 for England and Wales. The local comparative factor is 0'75, giving a comparative death-rate of 6'99.

#### Deaths under the age of 1 year—Nil.

#### The Causes of Death were as follows—

Senility 1 ; Influenza 1 ; Acute and Chronic Nephritis 1 ; Cerebral Hæmorrhage 1 ; Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System 1 ; Cancer 1.

#### Deaths from Notifiable Diseases—

Tuberculoses (Respiratory) 1 (female) aged 29.

### 3—Notifiable Diseases during the Year.

There were 2 cases of Notifiable Infectious Diseases namely 2 cases of Pneumonia.

### 4—Causes of Sickness.

The incidence of sickness in the Town was very low during the year. Such Influenza that occurred was of a very mild type.

### 5—Hospital and Nursing Arrangements.

No change has taken place during the year in regard to the Hospital and Nursing Arrangements, nor Ambulance facilities, nor the Child Welfare Centre.

### 6—Laboratory Facilities.

In these there has been no change since last year.

### 7—Public Health Staff.

The staff consists of a Medical Officer of Health and a Sanitary Inspector, both part time. The Sanitary Inspector is also Meat Inspector and is certified by the Royal Sanitary Institute.

## 8—Legislation in Force.

There has been no alteration in Local Acts or Local Orders during the year, neither has there been any alteration in the By-Laws.

## 9—Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water—The supply of water during the year was sufficient. The Water was not analysed during the year.

River Pollution and Sewage Disposal—The River Irfon, although still slightly polluted by the sewage from a few houses still unconnected with the new sewerage system is very much less so than in 1936. Before long all the remaining houses will be connected with the sewerage system.

Closet Accomodation—With very few exceptions these are all water closets.

Scavenging—As reported last year.

Housing—The general Housing condition of the district is good.

School—The Council School has been inspected and the sanitary conditions found to be fairly satisfactory. There was School closure from 18th January 1937 to 29th January, for Influenza.

Rag Flocks Acts, 1911 and 1928—There are no premises in the district in which Rag Flock is manufactured and sold.

Eradication of Bed Bugs—None have been known in the District for very many years.

Disinfection of Premises—Carried out by means of the Formalin Lamp and of Sulphur.

Prevention of Tuberculosis—No action has been taken under the 1925 Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations. No action has been necessary under the Public Acts, Section 62.

Swimming Baths and Pools—One Pool, the Abernant Lake is privately owned, and fed by water from the River Irfon, the pollution of which is being steadily decreased.

The Sanitary Inspection of the Area—The Sanitary Inspectors' Report is appended.

## 10—Factories.

There are two small Woollen Factories in the area, which have been inspected and found to be satisfactory from a sanitary point of view, and no case of vocational disease has been reported. No proceedings have been necessary under the Factory and Workshops Act, 1901, or other Acts relative to Factories.

## 11—Housing Statistics.

### 1. *Inspections of Dwelling-houses during the year—*

1.	(a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	...	91
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	127
2.	(a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	...	...	Nil
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	Nil
3.		Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...		4
4.		Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...		5

### 2. *Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of formal Notices—*

	Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	...	5
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### 3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the Year—*

#### A—Proceedings under sections 17, 18 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1930 :

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|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs  | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :— |     |     |     |     |
| (a) By owners  | ... | ... |     | Nil |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners  | ... | ... |     | Nil |

#### B—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

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|--|-----|-----|-----|
| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied | ... | ... | 21  |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—        |     |     |     |
| (a) By owners  | ... | ... | 21  |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners  | ... | ... | Nil |

#### C—Proceedings under section 20 of the Housing Act, 1930 :

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|---|-----|-----|
| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made | ... | Nil |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders    | ... | Nil |

#### D—Proceedings under section 20 of the Housing Act, 1930 :

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|---|-----|-----|
| (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made  | ... | Nil |
| (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit | ... | Nil |



E—Proceedings under section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925 :

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|--|--------|-----|
| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs  | ... .. | Nil |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—   |        |     |
| (a) By owners  | ... .. | Nil |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners  | ... .. | Nil |
| (3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close | ... .. | Nil |

F—Proceedings under sections 11, 14 and 15 of the Housing Act, 1925 :

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|--|--------|-----|
| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made   | ..     | Nil |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit | ... .. | Nil |
| (3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made  | ...    | Nil |
| (4) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders   | ...    | Nil |

## 12—Inspection and Supervision of Food.

(a) Milk Supply—Satisfactory. See Sanitary Inspectors Report.

(b) Meat and other Foods—Satisfactory. See Sanitary Inspectors Report. The Bakehouses are structurally good and they are well kept.

(c) Adulteration, &c.—No action taken under the Acts relating to this.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES MARTIN, M.B., C.M.,

Medical Officer of Health.

## Annual Report of Sanitary Inspector for Year ending 31st December, 1937.

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I beg to submit my Annual Report as follows—

The number of Dwelling-houses in the District is 194, with very few exceptions the structural condition of these is very good.

Nearly all the Houses in the Town are built and maintained for the reception of Visitors during the Summer season.

I inspected 91 Houses, making 127 inspections. 18 Statutory Notices were served in connection with the connection of House Drains with the Council Sewers, and 15 Informal Notices.

During the Year 21 House Drains were connected, and practically all will be connected up within a short time. The Town will then have a modern and up-to-date Sewerage Scheme, with the House Drains in first class order.

No repairs have been done to the Cottages condemned, those being 1, 2, 3, Irfona Cottages and Llwynhelig.

The number of Slaughter-houses in the area is three, with an equal number of Butchers Shops. I inspected these premises and examined the meat, which was of good quality. The number of inspections made for this purpose during the year was 59.

The number of Milk Vendors in the District is 12. Samples of Milk are taken for Bacteriological examination at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, and are satisfactory.

The number of Bakehouses in your District is 3, which are in good structural condition and well kept. The number of inspections I made of these premises was 21.

There are 2 Woollen Factories in the Area, these are satisfactory. I paid 8 inspections to these premises.

Signed,

**RHYS WILLIAMS,**

Sanitary Inspector.



